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Business attempts to undermine effective European action on climate change and finance regulation are exposed today with the launch of the Worst EU Lobbying Awards 2010. Corporate influence over governments is blocking desperately needed measures to stop the worsening of the financial and climate crises.

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Crucial lessons to be learned

This month the European Commission for the first time ever blocked an ex-Commissioner from taking up a job in the private sector. The case of former Internal Market Commission Charles McCreevy highlights important failings in the Commission's code of conduct which must urgently be reviewed.

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McCreevy stopped from cashing in

Commission vetoes former Internal Market Commissioner Charlie McCreevy's involvement in controversial NBNK bank.

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Petloonies and other distortions

Analysis of the European Commission's lobby transparency register by ALTER-EU shows that the data in the register is fundamentally unreliable. This briefing note looks at the top 50 corporate lobby organisations in the register and argues that tighter disclosure requirements and greater oversight are long overdue. Such improvements are not currently on the agenda of the High-Level Working Party preparing the joint Commission-Parliament register.

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Revolving door scandal - ALTER-EU call

ALTER-EU civil today called for the introduction of three-year cooling-off period for former Commissioners, and urged the EU Commission to block the new jobs for former Commissioners Charlie McCreevy and Günter Verheugen because of conflicts of interest

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Hold the Commission to account! By sending an email you help to put pressure on President Barroso and the Commission to close the revolving door and to tighten up rules for ex-Commissioners and former Commission staff.

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EU-India Trade Invaders

In the talks for a trade deal between the EU and India, officials on both sides have handed the negotiation agenda over to corporate lobby groups, ignoring the needs of their citizens. The result is a big-business-first agenda, which will put at risk the livelihoods of millions of small farmers, street traders and patients.

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Fund Lobby Admits to Masquerade

It looked like a cry from small companies. In reality it was masterminded by the investment fund lobby group, EVCA now admits.

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